

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monday, July 21, 2014, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Vice-Chairman Irwin called the July 21, 2014, regular meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 10:00 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Wilson (attending telephonically), Vice-Chairman Irwin, Supervisor Clapperton, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Deputy County Attorney Buckelew, Health Director Shontz, Public Defender Field, Interim Public Works Director Simmons, Finance Director Hill, Grants Administrator/Resource Coordinator Taft, Facilities Maintenance Director Harder, Career Center Director Miller, Assessor Schuler, Community Development Administrator Yackley; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Vice-Chairman Irwin led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation given by Pastor Jose Garcia from the Parker Apostolic Church.

**Presentations: Parker Area Tourism, Parker Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corporation**

Josh Savino, representing the Parker Area Tourism; Mary Hamilton representing the Parker Chamber of Commerce; and “Skip” Vincent Beck, CEO of the La Paz County Economic Development Corporation; gave presentations to the Board regarding their efforts, accomplishments and goals for La Paz County, encouraging the Board for continued financial support.

**CONSENT AGENDA (*Discussion and possible action on the following items*):**

County Administrator Field presented for approval Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(e).

**5(a) Approval of Minutes**

Approve the minutes of the Monday, July 7, 2014, 10:00 a.m. regular meeting.

**5(b) Approval of Payroll**

Approve June 15, 2014, through June 28, 2014, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$416,229.69, plus employer benefit contributions of \$84,829.21, for a total of \$501,058.90, including handwritten warrants.

**5(c) Approval of Demands**

Approve the demands, as presented, for FY2013/2014, in the amount of \$398,498.71, including handwritten warrants; and for FY2014/2015, in the amount of \$112,397.13, including handwritten warrants.

**5(d) Appoint two (2) Appraiser I budgeted positions – Assessor (Replacements)**

Approve to appoint Linda Coronado, retroactive to June 30, 2014; and Stephanie Stein, effective July 28, 2014, to the positions of Appraiser I, at a salary of \$26,998.40, (NE007, Step 1); vacant budgeted positions; contingent upon successful completion of Level I Appraiser classes.

**5(e) Approve Consulting Agreement Amendment for IT Services with Mike Radford, extending services to December 31, 2014, with option to renew monthly – Superior Court**

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**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #5(a) through #5(e). Motion seconded by Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

*Vice-Chairman Irwin recessed the Board of Supervisors and convened the Jail District Board of Directors at 10:47 a.m.*

**CONSENT AGENDA** (*Discussion and possible action on the following items*):

County Administrator Field presented for approval Jail Consent Agenda Items #6(a) and #6(b).

**6(a) Approval of Jail District Payroll**

Approve the June 15, 2014, through June 28, 2014, gross payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$59,604.96, plus employer benefit contributions of \$12,075.09, for a total of \$71,680.05, including handwritten warrants.

**6(b) Approval of Jail District Demands**

Approve the Jail District demands for FY2013/2014, in the amount of \$37,443.79, including handwritten warrants; and for FY2014/2015, in the amount of \$61,068.05, including handwritten warrants.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve Jail District Consent Agenda Items #6(a) and #6(b). Motion seconded by Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

*Vice-Chairman recessed the Jail District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of Supervisors at 10:48*

**REGULAR AGENDA** (*Discussion and possible action on the following items*):

**Approve application for a COPS Hiring Grant – Sheriff**

Grants Administrator Taft presented a COP Hiring Grant application on behalf of the Sheriff Department. She stated the grant is a federal funding opportunity to hire two officers for a three year period; for a program amount of \$411,312.88, of which \$161,312.86 is required for a match from the Sheriff's Department.

Discussion ensued noting that the Sheriff's Department has not had an increase in certified positions since 1983; nor has the Department benefited from a COPS Grant for several years.

County Administrator Field recommended approval of this submission, noting that these positions would require additional vehicles and equipment; however, the positions are needed.

Supervisor Clapperton noted the thousands of square miles in La Paz County and expressed there is not enough manpower to adequately cover the County.

Supervisor Irwin expressed that, although the funding would be for only three years, there is hope that future budget sessions would appropriate funds for these additional positions.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve a COP Hiring Grant application on behalf of the Sheriff's Department to provide two officers for a three year period; in the amount of \$250,000, with a local match of \$161,312.86, to be funded from the General Fund. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

**Approve proposal with Entrepid, Inc., for the training of participants in the Adult Education Program by the College & Career Readiness Institute, funded through federal funds – Career Center**

Career Center Director Miller presented and requested approval of a proposal with Entrepid, Inc., for the training of participants in the Adult Education Program by the College & Career Readiness Institute, funded through federal funds.

She explained the mandate by the Department of Education for the funding, noting a diploma is not enough; there must be movement towards a career, funding the College and Career Readiness program in the amount of \$18,000 for participants. She added that she found a qualified company with the expertise to provide the training.

Discussion ensued regarding a clause in the agreement that requires full repayment of the funding if there is an early termination of the contract. Career Center Director Miller assured the Board that she did not foresee any early termination as the program is mandated and included as a part of the department's "performance measure" requirements to move people into the right streams of education, employment, or other vocational training.

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve proposal with Entrepid, Inc., for the training of participants in the Adult Education Program by the College & Career Readiness Institute, funded through federal funds. Motion seconded by Supervisor Irwin, passed unanimously.

**Award the Striping bid, a budgeted item – Public Works**

Interim Public Works Director Simmons requested approval to award the bid for Striping to sole-bidder, Precision Striping, Inc., at \$.09 a linear foot, and a \$400 mobilization price.

Discussion ensued, noting that Precision Striping has bid for this job for many years and the County's experience with the company was "excellent".

**SUPERVISOR IRWIN MOVED** to approve award of the Striping Bid to sole-bidder Precision Striping, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ, in the amount of \$.09 per linear foot, and \$400 for mobilization, a budgeted item. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

**Tax Roll Corrections – Assessor**

Chief Deputy Assessor Jones presented three (3) tax roll corrections in the net amount of -\$210.96, as follows:

#2013.TRC.412S10	-\$71.82	#2013.TRC.412S11	-\$71.78
#2013.TRC.412S12	-\$67.36		

**SUPERVISOR CLAPPERTON MOVED** to approve three (3) tax roll corrections in the net amount of -\$210.96, as presented by Chief Deputy Jones on behalf of Assessor Schuler. Motion seconded by Chairman Wilson, passed unanimously.

**“Discussion and possible action to join Mohave County in legal opposition to the severance and transfer of water rights appurtenant to Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River by Freeport Minerals Corporation ("Freeport"); to also include associated issues in pending federal legislation S.2503 and its companion bill H.R. 4924 (*The Big Sandy River-Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014*) that: limit future economic development; allocate limited Colorado River water rights; remove taxable property from the tax rolls to give to the Arizona Game & Fish Department; unlawfully take public right-of-ways/roadways without just compensation; restrict public access to the subject lands; limit access to privately held lands, etc.; and, to authorize the County Administrator to take the necessary actions to protect the interests of La Paz County and its residents” – Board of Supervisors**

County Administrator Field stated that the County had the duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, and this item for consideration is whether to join Mohave County in legal opposition to the severance and transfer of water rights appurtenant to Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River by Freeport Minerals Corporation ("Freeport"); to also include associated issues in pending federal legislation S.2503 and its companion bill H.R. 4924 (*The Big Sandy River-Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014*) that: limit future economic development; allocate limited Colorado River water rights; remove taxable property from the tax rolls to give to the Arizona Game & Fish Department; unlawfully take public right-of-ways/roadways without just compensation; restrict public access to the subject lands; limit access to privately held lands, etc.; and, to authorize the County Administrator to take the necessary actions to protect the interests of La Paz County and its residents.

He stated that La Paz County was given no notice or a position at the “bargaining table, and like Mohave County, who has had more advanced knowledge of what has been transpiring, has concerns that have not been answered. He expressed that the County might best be served by joining Mohave County in their efforts towards more involvement on this issue. He added that the State is looking only to the mining interests; and assumed La Paz and Mohave County had no issues; however, they now know that is not the case.

Supervisor Clapperton noted a statement made on this issue by the Mohave County Supervisors. He stated that there was no guarantee of any access to Planet Ranch once it is conveyed to the Arizona Game & Fish Department. He expressed that this was just the beginning of “encroachment of bigger proportions”.

Chairman Wilson stated that the issue La Paz County has is that the County has been intentionally excluded in the entire negotiation process and would be diminished in a number of different ways, such as a lack of access to public lands; land taken away from the tax rolls; and water would be diverted out of the County.



**The following La Paz County demands were audited, approved and ordered paid by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors:** #11111121, Atkins North America, Inc., \$20,967.80; #11111123, AZLGEBT, \$187,610.37; #11111128, CBS, Office Automation, LLC, \$1,702.69; #11111129, Colorado River Joint Venture, \$1,448.74; #11111130, Dan Field, \$1,378.96; #11111131, Davis Building Supply, \$1,316.12; #11111137, Empire Southwest, \$6,511.94; #11111140, Michael Leland Frame, \$6,517.50; #11111142, FX Tactical, \$4,981.19; #11111155, Phillip Krueger, \$4,098.50; #11111157, La Paz County Treasurer, \$3,039.82; #11111158, Law Office of Heather C. Wellborn, \$1,105; #11111161, McGraw-Hill School Edu. Holdings, LLC, \$1,319.49; #11111173, Parker Motor Co., Inc, \$1,585.17; #11111174, Parker Office Supply, \$2,335.24; #11111175, Parker Oil Products, Inc., \$11,902.75; #11111177, Town of Parker, \$1,403.99; #11111178, Phillip P. Esplin PC, \$2,975; #11111179, Pitney Bowes Global Finance Service, \$3,008.96; #11111183, Precision Striping, Inc., \$36,993; #11111184, \$3,954.21; #11111185, Quill Corp. (1), \$1,418.45; #11111187, Michael Radford, \$2,977.08; #11111189, Rideout Law PLC, \$2,145; #11111192, SC Audit & Accounting Solutions LLC, \$3,452.06; #11111193, Laurence Schiff, M. D., \$1,225; #11111195, Shamrock Food Co., \$1,000.34; #11111202, Flora B. Spiller, \$1,248.50; #11111203, Standard Insurance, \$11,358.20; #11111204, Sudden Link, \$2,399.59; #11111206, Sysco Food Services, \$2,520.54; #11111207, TASC, Inc., \$1,002; #11111209, Tiger Direct, \$2,977.51; #11111213, Verizon Wireless, \$1,581.03; #11111216, Western States Petroleum, \$1,044.13; #11111217, Abbey Stubbs & Ford LLC, \$7,500; #11111221, \$1,784.46; #11111222, Arizona Dept. of Revenue, \$3,260.85; #11111234, Greenfield Logistics, \$40,735.26; #11111237, HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd., \$1,152.71; #11111249, Tyler Technologies, \$23,067.61; #11111250, Veriti Consulting, \$3,000; #11111251, Waxie Sanitary Supply, \$1,013.71; #11111255, WACOG, \$2,000; #11111258, Bankcard Center, \$3,679.76; #11111266, CNS Business Forms, \$1,358.08; #11111267, Colorado River Sand & Rock, \$9,451.20; #11111270, Dorfam Pacific Co., Inc., \$1,362.10; #11111278, Hermosa Veterinary Clinic, \$1,424; #11111284, Ronald Madsen, \$1,470; #11111289, Parker Auto & Marine, \$2,768.25; #11111297, Priyanka Miller, \$1,790; #11111305, Sourcecorp, \$3,246.95; #11111311, The WLB Group, \$1,520.60; #11111312, Today's News Herald, \$1,049.22; #11111318, Western Emulsions, Inc., \$35,595.16; #11111323, Bank of Nevada, \$55,763.50; #11111325, Betty Hunter (2), \$1,173; #11111329, BT Conferencing Video, Inc., \$2,300; #11111342, Iworq Systems, \$5,400; #11111369, U. S. Foodservice, Inc., \$1,491.24.